competition from imported seeds in the domestic market and to harness export markets for Indian seeds; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) We have a reasonsably strong and time tested research network. Due to concerted efforts, about 200 improved varieties of different crops have been released and notified for commercial cultivation in the country so far.

Seeds of fruits, vegetables and some other crops are also being exported from the country.

Production of sugarcane in Maharashtra and Gujarat

*86. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that sugarcane production in Maharashtra and Gujarat is much less than installed capacity of the sugar mills;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what measures Government are taking to increase sugarcane production in these two States;

(c) whether new sugar mills are proposed to be set up in Maharahtra and Gujarat; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No, Sir, except that during the current 1993-94 season the sugarcane production in Maharashtra was not commensurate with the installed sugar production capacity in the State.

(b) In case of Maharashtra, the decline in sugarcane production could be attributed to the fall in cane area due to adverse climatic factors, diversion of cane area to other remunerative crops etc.

From the Sugar Development Fund, from 1986-87 to 30-6-94, an amount of Rs. 77.92 Crores has been disbursed to sugar factories in Maharashtra and 1.60 Crores to sugar factoriesin Gujarat for sugarcane development schemes.

(c) and (d) 17 letters of intent have been issued in the State of Maharashtra and 2 letters of intent in Gujarat State for setting up of new sugar mills during the sugar year 1993-94 upto 30th June, 1994. A statement giving the details of these mills is enclosed.

Statement

The Letters of intent issued during the sugar year **1993-94** *upto* **30th June, 1994** *for setting up of New sugar Mills (Locationwise and sectorwise) in the States of Maharashtra and Gujarat*

S.NS.	Name of applicant	Location	Sector
	MAHARASHTRA:		
	Distt. Satara		
1	M/s Tulja Bhavani Devi SSK Ltd. . .	At Rajuri, Teh. Phaltan	Coop.
2	M/s Kissan Veer SSK Ltd. . . .	At Khandala	Coop.

Sl.No.	Name of Applicant	Location	Sector
	Distt. Kolhapur		
3.	M/s Saptaganga Sahakari Karkhana Ltd.	At Vesrap Palsambi, Teh. Gaganbawda.	Coop.
4.	M/s Basantrao Naik SSK Ltd.	At Shahuwadi	Coop.
5.	M/s Sahyadri SSK Ltd.	At Durgmanwad, Teh. Radhanagari.	Coop.
	Distt. Sangli		
6.	M/s Miraj Taluka SSK Ltd.	At Shindewadi, Teh. Miraj.	Coop.
7.	M/s Sonhira SSK Ltd.	At Wangi, Teh. Khanapur.	Coop.
8.	M/s Dongarai Sangareshwar Snetkari SSK Ltd.	At Raigaon Teh. Khanapur	Coop.
	Distt. Nanded		
9.	M/s Painganga SSK Ltd.	At Unakdeo (Mandvi) Teh. Kinwat	Coop.
10.	M/s Nandigram SSK Ltd.	At Someshwar	Coop
	Distt. Pune		
11.	M/s Bhima Shankar SSK Ltd.	At Kothapur Teh. Ambegaon	Coop.
	Distt. Jalna		
12.	M/s. The Shree Rameshwar SSK Ltd.	At Sawarkheda, Teh. Jafrabad	Coop.
	Distt. Aurangabad		
13.	Shri Hiraji Maharaj Shetkari SSK Ltd.	At Pishore, Teh. Kannad	Coop.
14.	M/s. Grishneshwar SSK Ltd.	At Khultabad	Coop.
	Distt. Latur		
15.	M/s. Priydarshini Shetkari SSK Ltd.	At Tondar Teh. Udgir	Coop.
	Distt. Osmanabad		
16.	M/s. Shri Vithal SSK Ltd.	At Murum, Teh. Omerga	Coop.
	Distt. Parbhani		
17.	M/s. Shri Saibaba SSK Ltd.	At Mankeshwar Teh. Jintur	Coop.
	GUJARAT		
	Distt. Vadodara		
1.	M/s. Sardar Coop. Sugar Industries Ltd.	At Kadachhala Teh. Jetpur Pavi	Coop.
	Distt. Surat		
2.	Shri Surat Jilla Uttar Purva Vibhag Sahakari Karkhana Udyog Mandli Ltd.	At Isar Teh. Mandvi	Coop.